

CRAUSTARK

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THE LINES WERE ALREADY DRAWN

For several years the peace movement has been citing atrocities by American troops against the people of Vietnam - the wanton bombing of the Quynhlap Leprosarium, the butcheries at Manquang, Xuangoc, and Longphuoc, the murders of anyone from a village headman to President Diem who got in the way of U. S. policy, and the practice of dropping prisoners from helicopters. Now at last the tide of evidence for these evil deeds has hit the front page of every American newspaper.

A particularly poignant report from Songmy appeared in the New York Post of 2 December 1969. Robert G. Kaiser writes:

"The most dramatic new account comes from Nguyen Thi Ngoc Tuyet, a 19-year-old mother whose husband, a South Vietnamese soldier, was killed in action six months ago ... Tuyet said she saw a baby whose mother had been slain trying to open the mother's blouse to get at her breast for milk. While the baby was struggling with the blouse, an American soldier shot it, then stabbed it with his bayonet."

But what do American soldiers really think about being ordered to make this kind of slaughter. A recent Vietnam veteran, former Marine Corporal Fino Rivas, told reporter Perry Young in the same newspaper:

"One million of them ain't worth one of us. They should have killed all of them in that village and they had the right. I would have done the same thing. We should blow up all of those slant-eyed bastards... Those women and kids are the enemy too."

As everyone knows who followed the case of the "Green Beret Eight", the present U. S. government is not going to punish anyone for the Songmy massacre, or for the other atrocities which are now coming into the open as remorse or greed causes the murderers to break their long silence. But still the question of "Who is responsible?" dominates the nation. We should at this point avoid two equally unproductive extremes - the dishonorable discharge of one or two field officers as scapegoats, and the pious assertion (pace Hannah Arendt) that guilt is so widespread that it is futile to blame anybody.

The things done at Songmy are the responsibility of the men who commanded the American invasion of Vietnam. Under precisely similar circumstances, General Tomoyuki Yamashita was hanged for war crimes in 1946. He denied all knowledge of the atrocities committed in his Malayan campaign, but they had been committed under his command, and that was sufficient. As Justice Roberts said at the Nurnberg trials, we would be willing to have invoked against us the same standards we invoked at the war crimes trials.

But who sent the butchers of Songmy to Vietnam, and who taught the
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1969BW

"Fall 1901"

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY SCREWED OUT OF GREECE

ENGLAND (Lasky): A Edi-Norway; F Norwegian Sea C A Edi-Norway; F North Sea-Den.

FRANCE (R. Miller): A Spa-Por; F Mid-Spa(s.c.); A Bur-Bel.

GERMANY (Shuldiner): A Ruh-Hol; A Kie S A Ruh-Hol; F Den-Swe.

ITALY (Gorman): A Ven holds; A Nap-Tun; F Ion C A Nap-Tun.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Kimmel): F Alb-Gre; A Vie-Gal; A Ser S TURKISH A Bul-Rum.

RUSSIA (Wile): F Bot-Swe; A War-Gal; A Ukr-Rum; F Sev-Bla.

TURKEY (Becker): F Ank-Bla; A Bul-Gre; A Con-Bul.

Underlined moves are not possible. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, Nor. (4) ITALY: Nap, Tun, Rom, Ven. (4)

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Mar, Par, Por, AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Ser, Tri, Vie. (4)

Spa. (6) (4)

GERMANY: Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, RUSSIA: Mos, Rum, St.P, Sev, War. (5)

Mun. (5) TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Smy. (4)

France may build three new units, Germany may build two, and each of the other five powers may build one. The deadline for these "Winter 1901" builds is 6 P. M., MONDAY 15 DECEMBER 1969.

Richard Wile's new home address and telephone number are Apt. 4-R, 319 West 84th Street, New York, N. Y. 10024; 877-1894.

Since three of the players in 1969BW were already GRAUSTARK subscribers before the game began, they will be entitled to subscription copies after the game ends. The amounts of these subscription overlaps are: Paul Gorman, 4; Jay Kimmel, 11; Arthur Lasky, 8.

PARIS (26 Sept. 1901): The German Ambassador, Count Heinrich von Schnickelfritz, accompanied by 3 comely secretaries, met today with Premier Charles Boyer-Lesueve to request that the French First Army, now in Burgundy, be sent to Belgium. "We will not leave the Premier's side until the question is settled," declared the Count.

PARIS (8 Oct. 1901): An exhausted but happy M. Boyer-Lesueve today issued the following statement to the press:

"After many intense discussions about the First Army with the German Ambassador and his staff, I have ordered the army to Belgium."

When asked the reason for his decision, the Premier, a true Frenchman in every sense, replied, "I never refuse women when they appeal to me."

1968CI

"Spring 1909"

* Eugene Prosnitz has pointed out a tremendous gaffe by the Gamesmaster in the adjudication of the "Spring 1909" moves in GRAUSTARK #197. Two Turkish armies, one in Marseilles and one in Tyrolia, were forced to retreat. The only space available for either retreat is Piedmont, so according to Ruling 8 in GRAUSTARK #190, both units are annihilated. At the same time, Russia retreats A Gal-War. Accordingly, the "Fall 1909" deadline is re-set to NOON, SATURDAY 20 DECEMBER 1969. Players who send in moves under these circumstances should indicate that the moves are revisions. Press releases begin on page 11.

1969BI

"Fall 1903"

AUSTRIAE EST IMPERARE ORBIS UNIVERSO?

The French move "A Gas S A Bur" was not printed in GRAUSTARK #197. Following "Spring 1903" moves, Russia retreated A Mos-War.

ENGLAND (G. Heap): A Cly-Edi; F Bar-Norway; A St.P S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Mos; F Ska-Swe; F Den S F Ska-Swe; F Lon S GERMAN F Bel-Eng.

FRANCE (Gletty): A Gas-Mar; A Bur S A Pic; A Pic S A Bur; F Bre-Mid; F Norwegian Sea-Norway.

GERMANY (D. Johnston): F Bel-Eng; A Hol-Bel; A Mun holds; A Kie & A Ruh S A Mun.

ITALY (Berman): A Tyr-Mun; A Smy-Ank; F Eas-Smy; F Ion-Tun ((sic; no such unit exists)); F Tun not ordered, holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Beshara): A Boh S GERMAN A Mun; F Ank S ITALIAN A Smy-Con; A Gal-War; A Mos S A Gal-War; A Bud-Gal; A Rum S A Bud-Gal; A Bul S A Rum.

RUSSIA (Ward): A Ukr-Rum; A War-Pru; A Norway holds; F Swe S A Norway.

TURKEY (White): F Bla-Rum; A Sev S F Bla-Rum.

The Russian fleet in Sweden is dislodged and must retreat to Finland, the Baltic, or the Gulf of Bothnia. The direction of this retreat should be sent in with the "Winter 1903" builds and removals, which may be made conditional on it. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Den, Edi, Liv, Lon, St.P, Swe. (6)	ITALY: Nap, Rom, Smy, Tun, Ven. (5)
FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa. (5)	AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Mos, Rum, Tri, Vie, War, Ser. (11)
GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Hol, Kie, Mun. (5)	RUSSIA: Nor. (1)
	TURKEY: Sev. (1)

Austria-Hungary may build three new units, and Italy may build one. (Note that, though Austria-Hungary acquired four new supply centers in "1903", only three new units can be built.) Turkey must remove one unit, and Russia must remove three. The deadline for these "Winter 1903" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 20 DECEMBER 1969.

EDINBURGH: Happiness is coordination!

TURKISH FLEET HEADQUARTERS: The Sultan today released his hordes of trained chimpanzees in a frantic effort to reclaim his lost nation.

ARMENIA: The RUSSIANS will feel our wrath, although I can't see why.

TURKISH FLEET HEADQUARTERS: An amphibious landing is planned for early March to support the 7th Free Armenian Force.

ICELAND (28 Feb. 1903, AFP): A strange fleet paused here to refuel today. It is reported that they are carrying supplies to St. Petersburg.

PARIS (3 Mar. 1903): The Premier today called for world peace.

PICARDY (4 Mar. 1903): The Third Army decided that there was more hope for peace if they were in Belgium, and so marched East.

PARIS (25 Sept. 1903): The King announced today that France would assume a wait and see attitude due to the confused or nonexistent replies to his letters.

BREST (1 Oct. 1903): The Second Fleet finally got to sea for its training cruise.

1268CH

"Fall 1909"

TURKS LAND IN SCOTLAND; END OF WAR SEEN NEAR

Following "Spring 1909" moves, Germany retreated F North Sea-Ska.

FRANCE (Ward): A Lon holds; F Eng-Bre; F Wal-Mid ((sic)).

GERMANY (Barber): F Ska-Swe.

ITALY (Comber): No moves received. A Bel, A Par, A Gas, F North Atlantic, F Mid, F Por, & A Bur hold. A Kie dislodged and annihilated.

RUSSIA (Schleicher): F North Sea S TURKISH F Bre-Eng; F Den S TURKISH A Ber-Kie; F Norwegian Sea S F North Sea; A Norway S F Swe; F Swe S A Norway.

TURKEY (Beshara): A Liv-Pru; A Bul-Ser; A Arm-Sev; A Ukr & F Tyr hold; F Tun-North Africa; F Ion-Adr; F Aeg-Ion; A Ber-Kie; A Mun S A Ber-Kie; A Tyr S A Mun; A Sil-Ber; A Boh-Sil; F Yor-Edi; F Bre-Eng.

Underlined moves are not possible. France must retreat F Eng-Iri or F Eng-Pic; the direction of this retreat should be sent in with the "Winter 1909" moves, which may be made conditional on it. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

FRANCE: Liv, Lon. (2)	TURKEY: Ank, Ber, Bre, Bud, Bul, Con,
ITALY: Bel, Mar, Nap, Par, Por,	Edi, Gre, Kie, Mun, Rum, Ser, Sev,
Rom, Spa, Ven. (8)	Smy, Tri, Tun, Vie. (17)
RUSSIA: Den, Hol, Mos, Nor, St.P,	
Swe, War. (7)	

Russia and Turkey may each build two new units, and Italy may build one. France must remove one unit; the sole German unit is also removed, as Germany is now out of the game. The deadline for "Winter 1909" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 20 DECEMBER 1969. There are now no stand-bys, but the game is so near completion that no stand-by for Italy will be needed.

1268CH

"Spring 1910"

TURKS, FRENCH VIE FOR MEDITERRANEAN SUPREMACY

ENGLAND (Linden): A St.P-Mos; A Liv S A St.P-Mos; A War-Ukr; A Pru-War; A Sil S A Pru-War; F Bal, F Bot, F Hel, F North Sea, F Norwegian Sea, & F Bar hold.

FRANCE (Berman): A Tyr-Boh; A Mun S A Tyr-Boh; A Bur-Mun; A Par holds; A Rom-Ven; A Ven-Tri; A Tri-Ser; F Lyo-Wes; F Nap-Ion; F Tyr, F Tun, & F Apu S F Nap-Ion.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Kuch): A Bud-Rum; A Vie holds.

RUSSIA (Schelz): A Mos S TURKISH A Sev-Ukr.

TURKEY (Lindsay): A Sev-Ukr; A Smy-Arm; A Con-Bul; F Adr-Tri; F Alb & A Ser S F Adr-Tri; F Ion holds; F Aeg S F Ion.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Russian A Mos is annihilated. Turkey retreats F Ion-Gre, Ion-Eas, or Ion-Adr, and France retreats A Tri-Tyr or Tri-Bud. The directions of these retreats should be sent immediately to the Gamesmaster, who will inform the other players. The deadline for "Fall 1910" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 20 DECEMBER 1969. Press releases will appear in the next issue.

Corporal Rivases to think as they do about Vietnamese? Those Americans who for years have been telling us that the invasion of Vietnam is right and proper helped sharpen the bayonets at Songmy. Before the massacre, the lines were already drawn between the lovers of life and the lovers of death. In 1964 eighty-nine Senators signed the death-warrant of the Madonna and Child of Songmy, when they voted for the Tonkin Gulf Resolution which two Presidents have treated as a substantive declaration of war. To their names were joined those of others who concurred in the policies that sent an American platoon to Songmy. These men cannot now escape the consequences of the deeds of their emissaries and representatives in Songmy.

The chain of guilt runs far back into our history.

Ralph Waldo Emerson said that America's mission is to "liberate the world". We know what this liberating mission did at Songmy.

Woodrow Wilson sought "to make the world safe for democracy". At Songmy we learned that he meant only the democracy of death.

Franklin Roosevelt said "We must be the great arsenal of democracy." The weapons from that arsenal were used at Songmy.

John F. Kennedy spoke of going any distance and bearing any burden to preserve what he called freedom. We know now how great the distance is, and how heavy the burden.

These American pretensions to a superior morality and a right to enforce it on other nations have now ground to a halt. The long-scorned Pacifists stalk weeping through the ruins of America's moral posture, and the Hawks do not dare look them in the eye. I have seen or heard no defense of the American invasion of Vietnam since the news of Songmy broke.

Whether they hold a bitter hate for what the Calley indictment calls "Oriental human beings", or merely believe that there are circumstances under which a nation may legitimately go to war, the Hawks have condoned these murders. The men who have defended this policy in the letter column of GRAUSTARK are among the guilty. Let us name them and shame them: Rodney Charles Walker. Charles Reinsel. Michael Smolik. John W. Smythe. William Lee Linden. Derek Nelson. Anders Swenson. Brian Libby. Philip Pritchard.

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Hal Naus and Ron Salcedo have written disclaimers about being classified with the Hawks in GRAUSTARK #194. I am happy to apologize to Hal Naus for making this error, which was based on his statement in Xenogogic I, #11 that "I did my term in hell, now let someone else take his turn." As a veteran of the Korean War, he states a fervent and heart-felt opposition to "the useless waste of human life that war produces". But Ron Salcedo, GRAUSTARK's pet Wallaceite, protests that "This does not make me a hawk. Wallace's position was to rely on the generals - if they thought we could win, we would try to win." Unfortunately for this position, in the same week the letter was written, Wallace did consult with both U. S. and Saigonese generals, and decided the war could be won. (Meet the Press, 30 November 1969: "Let the military decide".) Wallaceites are Hawks. Ipsa dixit.

1967U

"Winter 1925"

An error in publication of the "Fall 1925" moves made the Russian move "A Arm-Syr" when it should have been "A Arm-Smy". Russia is thus still in the game, and holds Smyrna. Russia has this supply center, and Turkey has three. In the "Winter 1925" builds and removals, Germany builds an army in Kiel while Italy builds an army in Venice and a fleet in Naples. Turkey removes the fleet in the Eastern Mediterranean.

THE DEADLINE FOR "SPRING 1926" MOVES IS NOON, SATURDAY 20 DECEMBER 1969.

THE PARABLE OF THE BULL AND THE RED RAG

by George Siebel

In the land of the Boobs there dwelt aforetime a wise man who had some foolish nephews. And when he heard how foolish the sons of his brother were, he was moved to teach them wisdom. So he went unto their abode and said: Come with me, O ye sons of folly, and we shall learn many things.

Then he went with them unto a place where there were thousands of sheep. And these sheep marched past in a long file, each following after the other, thousands of them.

And the wise man said: What think ye of these sheep? They are going to the butcher. He will cut their throats, and they will be mutton. Yet they march meekly onward toward the axe.

Then said the wise man's nephews: Forsooth, they are foolish sheep and know no better than to follow one after the other. They deserve to have their throats cut for their folly.

But the wise man said: Have ye not gone into the king's army, and will ye not go to war just as these sheep are going to the slaughter-house? Will ye not follow after the fool that walketh before ye? Wherein, then, are ye wiser than the poor sheep? Wise men stand alone, or go their own way. Mutton men walk in parades, like unto the sheep or the goose, which animals they despise.

Next the wise man took his nephews unto a Bull Ring, where a great multitude was assembled to see the bulls fight. And they saw how the bulls became enraged when the bull-fighters waved a red flag. With great fury the bulls charged upon the waving of the flag, and when their fury had made them blind the bulls were killed.

And the wise man said: What think ye of these bulls? A square of red cloth enrages them so they go unheedingly into death. What think ye of them?

Then said the wise man's nephews: Forsooth, they are stupid beasts; and have not the gift of reason as we have. Therefore they become enraged when a red rag is waved, and rush blindly to fight. They deserve to be made carrion for their stupidity.

But the wise man said: Will not ye rush into fight blindly even so when a square of colored cloth is waved before ye? The bull is enraged by the red alone, but ye are roused to fury by the white and the blue also. There is but little difference in color sense between ye and that mad bull. Mayhap the bull thinketh ye are stupid beasts for rushing into battle for colors that are not red.

Then the wise man's nephews said unto each other: This our uncle thinketh he is wise, but he is exceeding foolish. We will report his sayings to the king, and the king will teach him wisdom. And they did even so, and the king cast the wise man into prison for speaking treason. But his nephews he honored for their loyalty, and put them in the front rank of his army, and they were great heroes, and they fell on the field of glory, and their graves wherein they rest are adorned with tombstones of fine marble.

But the wise man in prison wrote a book on "The Cure of Folly". And when his book was opened by the keeper of the library, all the pages thereof were blank and void.

And the merchants of mutton, the makers of flags, the owners of the bull-ring, the carvers of tombstones, and the other tradesmen and artisans rejoiced greatly, and said: Woe unto the prophet, but hail unto the profit! What is meet for the sheep and the bull, is meat for us! There is magical potency in color, especially in the

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THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Postal Diplomacy fans will be gratified to learn of a new journal which is not only accepting registrations for new games, but is actively seeking them. It is Rohan, the official Diplomacy 'zine of the National Organization of Wargamers (N. O. W.), and it is published by Kenneth Borecki, 19 Royal Road, Rockville Centre, N. Y. 11570. Subscriptions are 10 issues for \$1.25. There is a sliding scale for entry fees, ranging from \$1.00 for local Rohan members up to \$4.00 for N3F members. Write for details. In an interesting new feature, half the entry fee is refunded if the player doesn't last past "Spring 1903".

Borecki, in Vol. II, #16, announced the forthcoming publication of Gamers' Guide, a publication for the strategy gamer. The first issue should be out by now; GG is 10¢ per issue. GG will be monthly. N. O. W. News is also coming up from him, at 35¢ per issue.

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Harry Manogg now officially qualifies as a Dirty Old Man.

On 13 November 1969 he was arrested in his bookstore in Kankakee and charged with the "sale of harmful material to a minor". The "harmful material" seems to have been a rather unexceptionable nudie magazine, to judge from a brief story Harry sent from a local paper (which misspelled his name throughout). He was released on bond, pending trial which was scheduled for 20 November. Further details on postal Diplomacy's first pornographer will be passed along as they reach GRAUSTARK.

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Bill McDuffie (Box 651, Powers House, Clarkson Institute of Technology, Potsdam, N. Y. 13676) publishes not only his Diplomacy bulletin Verbal Chaos Ltd. but also Thangorodrim, a bulletin of Diplomacy variants (Middle Earth, American Indian, and medieval Scotland).

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Christopher Schleicher (whose name is particularly appropriate for Diplomacy, since it means "skulker") is taking over the publication of Rod Walker's variant Diplomacy bulletin Atlantis while Rod sweats out a dissertation in history. He asks permission to use the GRAUSTARK house rules for the regular Diplomacy games he plans to open in Atlantis, which is of course granted. These rules were most recently published, with sample rulings, in GRAUSTARK #190, which like all back issues is 10¢. See #196 for Schleicher's address.

Entry fees for regular Diplomacy games in Atlantis will be \$4 for the first game and \$3 for the second game. If you're a member of the National Fantasy Fan Federation (N3F) Games Bureau, \$1.50 is knocked off each of these fees. Subscriptions will be 10 for \$1.

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Ye Olde Busie Bulletynne Boardde reports (#8) that Rod Walker has turned another of his variant 'zines, Lomokome, over to Mike Childers, Box 1201, College Station, Texas 77840.

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GRAUSTARK, the oldest bulletin of postal Diplomacy, is 10 issues for \$1 from John Boardman, 234 E. 19th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11226. Back issues are 10¢ each or 15 for \$1. The rules were most recently published in #190, and the mailing list in #196. Available back issues are 48, 51, 58, 67, 71, 72, 76-83, 85-88, 90, 91, 93, 94, 101-115, 117-125, 127-153, 155-159, 161, 162, 164-167, 169-175, 177, 183-188, 190-197. RURITANIAS 28, 32, 38-40 are also available.

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Dan Evans, publisher of Polaska, is now at 507 W. Holland, Clovis, Calif. 93612.

This publication is not edited under the supervision of Bangs Leslie Tapscott.

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Leonard Lakofka, various versions of whose address have appeared in recent issues of GRAUSTARK, is positively at 1806 North Richmond St., Chicago, Ill. 60647. He writes that his new 'zine Brontosaurus will include two variants of Diplomacy with its next issue. Subscriptions are \$1.25 for 10 issues. The variants are Rajomacy, designed by Gary Gygax and based on ancient India, and Barbomancy, designed by Russell Tulp and based on barbaric Europe. (But so is original Diplomacy!) Both games have openings available.

The second regular Diplomacy game in Brontosaurus has 3 openings. Fees are \$4 for the first game and \$3 for each subsequent game. See p. 7 for discounts to members of N3F, the International Federation of Wargamers, or the National Organization of Wargamers.

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The newest simulation game, as advertised in the Los Angeles Free Press of 14 November 1969, is succinctly called "Sex". It is supposed to be "a total non-stop adult sex game where 2-3-4 couples roll the dice to determine who does what to who. Sex takes over where strip poker left off. And if you think games are for kids wait till you see this!" If you are curious and long-green, it is \$5.95 "in a plain wrapper" from Action, P. O. Box 31344, San Francisco.

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GRAUSTARK rulings will follow the ruling set by Red Walker in Numeror of 20 October relating to the point "If a unit ordered to support in a given province is attacked from a different province, the support is cut." Of course this refers to bodies of water as well. The only real question is why such an issue should have been raised in the first place.

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Between now and the publication of the next GRAUSTARK on 20 December, the Gamesmaster will go over a collection of postal Diplomacy publications that have accumulated since before the last moving day. Any publication which has not shown up here for three months will be considered as defunct, and its publisher will no longer receive trade copies of GRAUSTARK. A list of these publications will appear in GRAUSTARK #199.

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Brenton Ver Floeg's ZIP code in Vail, Colorado, is not "80424" as reported in GRAUSTARK #197, but is 81657.

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The "advertisement" in GRAUSTARK #196, parodying the McCarthy "death hoax" with a Nixon "death hoax", occurred independently to one Peter A. Cimino, a columnist for the Brooklyn College student newspaper Calling Card. In a recent issue he speculated that Nixon is really dead, and is being impersonated by another man. His candidate for the "real" Nixon is "Herbert J. Tuface, an unsuccessful California used car salesman".

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Mata Hari, whose "great-granddaughter" was "interviewed" in GRAUSTARK #197, has once again had her story told - this time by an author who is fully aware that her reputation as a "spy" is one of history's most successful hoaxes. Gene Caesar tells her story in The Spies, a collection of articles edited by Robert G. Deindorfer (Fawcett Gold Medal, 75¢). This book also contains an account of Reino Hayhanen, a drunken Ingrian who gave away one of the most suc-

cessful Soviet espionage operations in the United States. He informed on his superior, the accomplished operative Rudolf Ivanovich Abel. Another writer tells in detail how the CIA and the Bolivian government captured Che Guevara, including Guevara's betrayal by the amateur intriguer Regis Debray, and his murder on the direct orders of the Commander-in-Chief of the Bolivian Army. Yet another article throws light on the Stalin purge of Marshal Tukhachevsky and most of the rest of the Soviet military leadership in 1937. According to Michael Sayers and Albert E. Kahn in The Great Conspiracy, most of the Soviet military leadership was involved in a treasonable correspondence with their opposite numbers in Nazi Germany, trying to arrange German support for a coup by Tukhachevsky in the interest of the exiled Trotsky. Henry Jordan and Richard Hanser show that the documents which evidenced this "treason" had been forged in Germany under the direction of the SS leader Reinhardt Heydrich, for the purpose of discrediting the Soviet military leadership.

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To go from factual to fictional espionage, Michael Kurland's new novel A Plague of Spies (Pyramid, 60¢) is highly recommended. The action takes place in the Grand Duchy of Alba, a sort of Balkan Monaco that apparently adjoins both Albania and Italy. Alba's capital, Graustark, is the center for large-scale gambling and small-scale international intrigue. The hero, a man with the unlikely name of Peter Carthage, works for an outfit with the even more unlikely name of War, Inc. While in Alba on a consultation job to prevent the machinations of a group of international jewel thieves, he meets an elderly Englishman named Smith, who is there to foil the schemes of an immensely sinister and immensely aged Chinese named - oh, you've heard this one before?

Kurland, who also writes science-fiction, has a little in-group humor in the book. Carthage and his girlfriend have been imprisoned by a group of sinister men disguised as Albanian monks. Not having a command of this obscure language, the author gives them as native expressions the names of numerous science-fiction writers, spelled backwards and chopped up into likely looking words. For example, one "monk" barks: "Ese eh oder gib asit terrag."

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The Gamesmaster has broken out in a few other places: a review of Sprague and Catherine de Camps' new book The Day of the Dinosaur in Amra #51 (George Scithers, P. O. Box 8243, Philadelphia, Penn. 19101; 50¢) and an account of the Lord Peter Wimsey stories of the late Dorothy Sayers in Unicorn (Karen Rockow, 1153 E. 26th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11210; 50¢). Also recently published is VISITATION #1, a publication of the Society for Creative Medievalism. VISITATION is part of your Gamesmaster's duties as Herald for the SCM, which consists of a few dozen people who like to get together and dress up in medieval outfits, practice jousting, minstrelsie, and other medieval arts, and show off their knowledge of obscure fields of knowledge. VISITATION #1 is 15¢; no subscriptions will be entered.

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The postal workers' union has seen fit to take full-page ads in the papers protesting the "postal corporation" scheme. If this should materialize into a strike, GRAUSTARK deadlines will be automatically reset to the 3rd Saturday following the end of the strike. This will also apply to a Canadian strike, should any Canadians be playing in an affected game.

DIRECTORY OF UNFAMILIAR QUOTATIONS * XIII

The editor continues to feel that the patriotism of his Hawk readers is falling away. It is now 4 months since the story of the Xuangoc Massacre in Vietnam broke, and none of the readers who used to be so ingenious in their defense of American policy in Vietnam have written in to justify it. To revive the flagging spirits of the Hawks, we present another set of pro-war quotations.

"It is an easy matter to teach the few simple technical details of bayonet combat, but an instructor's success will be measured by his ability to instill into his men the will and desire to use the bayonet. This spirit is infinitely more than the physical efforts displayed on athletic fields; more than the grim determination of the firing line - it is an intense eagerness to fight and kill hand to hand, and is the overwhelming impulse behind every successful bayonet assault.

"Bayonet fighting is possible only because every red-blooded man naturally possesses the fighting instinct. This inherent desire to fight and kill must be carefully watched for and encouraged by the instructor. It first appears in a recruit when he begins to handle his bayonet with facility, and increases as his confidence grows. With the mastering of his weapon there comes to him a sense of personal fighting superiority and a desire for physical conflict. He knows that he can fight and win. His practice becomes snappy and full of strength. He pictures an enemy at every practice thrust and drives home his bayonet with strength, precision, and satisfaction. Such a man will fight as he has trained; consistently, spiritedly, and effectively. While waiting for the zero hour he will not fidget nervously. He will go OVER THE TOP and win." - Lt. Col. Townsend Whelen, U. S. Army, quoted in As You Were, 1 November 1969

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"What I'm designing may one day be used to kill millions of people. I don't care. That's not my responsibility. I'm given an interesting technological problem and I get enjoyment out of solving it." - James Kain, MIT graduate student, New York Times, 9 Nov. 1969

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"Man is a killing organism! He must kill to survive. He must kill to advance.

"Do these statements shock you? Let us examine the truth. When man first appeared on this earth, he killed initially for his food. He was faced with fearsome natural enemies. He slew these enemies to become the leading animal of the planet. Then civilization began to emerge. Did man stop killing then? No - quite the contrary. The best killer became master of the tribe. Not the wisest, nor necessarily the most strong, but the best killer became master. Other qualities were only important to the extent that it contributed to his killing prowess. The tribe that was most efficient at killing mastered others forming the great civilizations. When a killer tribe became soft and forsook killing, they were overwhelmed by more virile killing societies...The white man became master of this planet through killing. His mastery has now been challenged. To this challenge there is but one answer - to become master he had to kill! To survive and remain master he must kill again. Let us show them who is the natural elite. - who is the world's greatest killer!

"White man! Unsheath your terrible sword! Slay your enemies - Kill! Kill! Kill!" - Dan Burros, Kill! #1, July 1962

"Lt. Calley came over and said, 'You know what to do with them, don't you?' and I said 'Yes'. So I took it for granted that he just wanted us to watch them.

"And he left and came back 10 or 15 minutes later and said, 'How come you ain't killed them yet?' And I told him that I didn't think you wanted us to kill them, that you just wanted us to guard them. He said, 'No, I want them dead.'" - Paul Meadlo, New York Post, 25 November 1969.

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"A wounded North Vietnamese soldier lying a few feet away lifted an arm and moved as if to raise himself from the ground.

"Without a word the sergeant, firing from the hip, poured a full clip of rifle rounds into the man.

"Hey Sarge,' another American said, 'I think he was trying to surrender.'

"I hope I find more of the bastards trying to surrender,' the sergeant said." - Raymond R. Coffey, New York Post, 28 November 1969

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"I am indeed happy to find that there is still a publication in this nation that supports the American soldier in his fight against International Communism. Everywhere that I have been stationed I have found a pro-National Socialist feeling among American soldiers who have come back from Viet Nam. The National Socialist press speaks the words of the American soldier...As a soldier I thank you. Heil Hitler!" - Pvt. Michael B. Szipronat, Ft. Ord, letter to White Power, quoted in The Dixon Line, April 1969

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"They walked into about 600-1,000 gooks and didn't have anybody killed...Our company tried going in six times and each time were driven back. So they called in some brand new gas masks and then dropped a ton or so of CS gas and had a little turkey shoot. Killed about 40-50 but they drove the gooks out of the bunkers and the gunships have been having fun ever since." - US soldier in Vietnam, quoted in War/Peace Report, Nov. 1969 and in New York Post, 29 November 1969.

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yellow of gold and the green of banknotes. Great is Allah, who hath created for us the bulls, and the sheep, and the sons of the wise man's brother.

1969CI - PRESS RELEASES

SUPPLEMENTAL HAREM #15, TRIESTE, NEW TURKEY (12 May 1908, SPP): In order to sample some of the new Austrian consorts, our beloved Sultan came as close to the war as he has been since 1900, when the yellow scum began expanding to flee the wrath of Yuk. He seemed astounded that Tsar Boris would hold him accountable for the attack on Russia. "Boring-ass should KNOW," he commented, "that I have given only one order to the armed forces in eight years of war, and THAT was to get the hell out of harem territory, way back in 1903. I have BETTER things to handle, thank you." So saying, the Sultan began to do just that. It seems like a long time ago that he had to make do with Balkan women and the delightful lotus blossoms of Turkey.

CONS TANTINOPLE (18 May 1908, SPP): A Bulletin issued from a one and a half room hovel in downtown Constantinople which apparent-

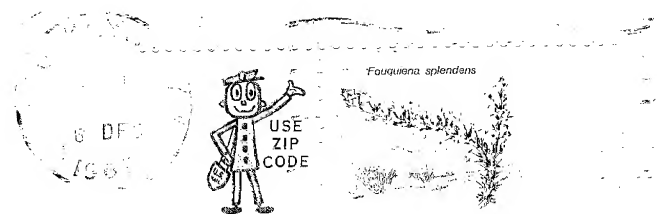
ly, according to a sign on its ramshackle door, is the "War Ministry", was made public today. The office is manned by a 112-year-old relative of one of the Sultan's favorite concubines, and apparently is primarily a position filled from patronage lists, since the Ministry itself not only has nothing to do but has not been heard from during eight years of conflict. Everyone by now is certainly aware that Turkish armed forces move completely at random, contingent on the wrath of the Sultan. Nevertheless, the Bulletin read: (In an apparent attempt to play war in the propaganda sense): "The citizens of Brest, Spain, Marseilles, and, most particularly, Budapest, today breathed their relief at the wretchedly planned Turkish attack. It is also known that there is a conviction that more wretchedly planned attacks would soon be knocking at the door of Tsar Boris himself. Russia's only natural defense is the horrid ugliness of its women."

CONSTANTINOPLE (12 March 1909; SPP): Our beloved Sultan Yuk today expressed his appreciation at the ugly monstrosities that pass for Russian women that were waiting for his troops as they advanced into Rumania last season. Naturally, the Sultan would have nothing to do with the scum of the earth Russians anyway, since French, Italian, Austrian, and Turkish women - comely beyond compare - already are keeping the thing busy - er, things busy. But in compensation for the famous Yellow scum, now that's something different. Not that the Yellow Scum wouldn't have preferred something a bit more akin to humankind, but rather they had no choice. Accordingly, official Yukkish communiques flooded the streets and countryside of Rumania to the effect of: "What the hell, scum - if you stand them on their heads they're all the same."

BUDAPEST (25 Sept. 1909, SPP): Our Beloved Sultan Yuk today expressed disappointment at what the Yellow Scum have recently garnered for him. "These women were once comely," he moaned in agony, "But since the Russians have befouled them, they are misshapen, bent, and unskilled. So very unlike all the others I have gathered." The Sultan also noted that the only thing of worth that the Yellow Scum have accomplished in the entire nine years of retreat from Turkey was the annihilation of some of their number in the Alps this year. Although it was not the "dormant cesspool" that Yuk has often recommended, any method of extinction is better than none.

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